Congressman Don Edwards
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Don,

The enclosed copies and this explanation are in the event they may interest you or be of use in your committee's files.

While going over a box of copies of FBI records I made for use in appels that were aborted by my surgery and its complications, I found Serial 9613 of the FBI's Dallas main JFK-assassination file. It refers to your subcommittee and your staffer, Mr. Fink, to whom I once sent a record the content of which I do not now recall.

At the time you were holding hearings Mark Lane was very prominently connected and based on considerable prior experience with him I stayed away and was silent. In the past any other course has always meant trouble and disagreeableness. In this matter, as in most, actuality does not suffice for Lane and his improvment upon it provided the FBI with its "out." The truth is that at the time given by Walter a) there were such threats against JFK and b) the FBI was aware of them. Knowing about them makes it extremely unlikely that the FBI did not alert the appropriate field offices. Thus, except for the word "teletype," it appears that Walter spoke the truth. All the FBI's disclosed investigations after Lane made a sensation of Walter are limited to teletypes. No other kind of record.

I also recalled some of these threats because I planned to use a few from the Secret Service in a book I never published. The FBI knew of those of which I enclose copies long before your hearings because they were published by the Warren Commission and it examined everything the Commission published with great care. In addition, one of these Secret Service records states clearly that the FBI had been notified.

Only two days before the date given by Walters FBIHQ, in fact, notified the Secret Service of a threat against JFK when JFK was due in Texas.

Also of possible interest in connection with threats by this extremist group is one of the earliest Dallas assassination file records, Serial 84. On the day of the assassination, which means before Oswald had been charged with the crime and before any real investigation was possible, a nearby police department said that this very same extremist group should be considered possible suspects. The FBI note reads "Not necessary to cover as true subject located," followed by initials that appear to be those of a supervisor. I think it is obvious that there that early was no certainty that Oswald was the subject and that there had been no conspiracy investigation.

Another related record I used in an FOIA suit and could locate if it is of interest is the Dallas SAC's internal memo on a call from James B. Adams at FBIHQ directing Dallas not to file a record and to send it personally to Adams. It had to do with incoming Walter information at the later time of the investigation of what he allegedly had said.

Best wishes,

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Memorandum to Mr. (llagher
RE: Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

As a possible resolution to Mr. Fink's questions, GID has determined from the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Section of the Files and Communications Division that the Archives still has 222 FBI documents which have been withheld from research or public release. Of these 222 documents, 109 are Unclassified, 95 are Confidential, 17 are Secret, and 1 is Top Secret.

FOIA is currently involved in a review of the withheld documents to determine which may now be released This review is done at five-year intervals. FOIA has thus far completed only a preliminary review of the documents. Personnel of FOIA involved in the review recall none of the documents being teletypes.

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